

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 051-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: February 23, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: LEO AWARDS RECEPIENTS

This Letter to the City Commission is to announce the awarding of two L.E.O. Foundation awards to Sergeant Peter Smolyanski and Sergeant David De La Espriella of the Miami Beach Police Department.

Sgt. Peter Smolyanski was awarded the L.E.O. Foundation's Investigative Services Award for his participation in the FBI's "Operation White Terror". This complex investigation involved trading cash and drugs for Russian-made weapons and resulted in the arrest of four individuals and a major step forward in the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking.

Sgt. De La Espriella Sergeant was awarded the L.E.O. Foundations's Crime Prevention / Community Policing award for his role in the "Teen Job Corps". The Teen Job Corps is a non- profit organization that employs Miami Beach youths aged 14 and older. The organization employs youths for up to 6 hours per week. The organization was created to provide after school jobs involving community service work. It also mandates that the youths who are employed must attend school each day and participants must stay out of trouble.

Please join me in congratulating these two fine Sergeants on their outstanding work in these two very divergent areas of police work. Both the dangerous clandestine undercover work performed by Sgt. Smolyanski and the hands on involvement of Sgt. De La Espriella with the at risk youth in our community contribute to make the City of Miami Beach a better place.

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c: Sgt. Peter Smolyanski
Sgt. David De La Espriella